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FOR USDEL UNIDO II CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY. THE DEPT CONCURS WITH OBJECTIVES SOUGHT IN
THE PREAMBLE IN NETHERLANDS DRAFT RESOLUTION. CLEARLY,
A USEFUL PURPOSE CAN BE SERVED FOR COORDINATION OF A
BALANCED PLAN OF ACTION IN THIS COMPLEX FIELD. THE DUTCH
PROGRAM IS VAGUE AS TO JUST WHAT UNIDO WILL DO AFTER
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONCRETE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND WE

HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS WHETHER UNIDO IS THE BEST FORUM FOR OVERALL POLICY SUPERVISION IN AN AREA OF THIS MAGNITUDE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES ALREADY UNDERWAY. NONETHELESS, IF THERE APPEARS TO BE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR THE DUTCH RESOLUTION, THE DEPT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO US SUPPORT, PERHAPS WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. VERY BRIEFLY, GIVEN THE SCANT TIME AVAILABLE, THERE FOLLOW SOME COMMENTS ON THE NETHERLANDS DRAFT RESOLUTION: (A) THE US APPLAUDS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DUTCH INITIATIVE. WE CONCUR THAT A NEED EXISTS FOR COORDINATION AND A

MEASURED PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE DISPARATE AND OFTEN CONFUSING ONGOING AND PROPOSED ACTIVITIES IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FIELD.

(B) OWING TO THE SIGNIFICANT AND PROMISING ACTION PROGRAMS ALREADY IN EFFECT IN VARIOUS UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, NOT TO MENTION NON-UN EFFORTS, WE PERCEIVE A GREATER NEED FOR COORDINATION THAN NEW ACTIONS WHICH ARE APT TO BE DUPLICATIVE. MANY OF THE PROGRAMS FOR TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CALLED FOR IN THE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS OF THE NETHERLANDS DRAFT RESOLUTION ARE BEING ACTIVELY CONSIDERED IN UNCTAD, WIPO AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

(C) IS UNIDO THE RIGHT PLACE FOR ACHIEVING COORDINATION AND AN OVERALL PLAN OF ACTION? PROBABLY NOT, SINCE VIRTUALLY ALL TECHNOLOGY IS INDUSTRIAL AND IS PRIVATELY OWNED, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY IS PER FORCE OF PRIME CONCERN NOT ONLY TO UNIDO BUT TO UNCTAD, WIPO, THE UN COMMISSION ON TNCS AND OTHERS WHICH HAVE MOVED AGGRESSIVELY INTO THIS FIELD. THEREFORE, THE OVERALL COORDINATION WHICH SEEMS TO BE AN OBJECTIVE OF THE DUTCH RESOLUTION MIGHT BE BETTER PERFORMED AT A HIGHER LEVEL OF THE UN SYSTEM SUCH AS ECOSOC. INDEED, A NEED EXISTS FOR REFINEMENT OF AREAS OF JURISDICTION OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN THIS FIELD, PARTICULARLY UNIDO'S.

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3. USDEL MAY WISH TO RAISE THESE POINTS WITH NETHERLANDS DELEGATION AND OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THE QUESTION RAISED IN PARA 2 (C) ABOVE. IF, HOWEVER, THERE APPEARS TO BE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR DUTCH RESOLUTION, DEPT HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIONS TO ITS LANGUAGE AND WE SHOULD SUPPORT IT. WE CONCUR IN USDEL'S SUGGESTIONS IN PARA 3 REFTEL. IN ADDITION, USDEL MAY WISH TO SEEK MODIFICATION OF LINE 4 OF FIRST OPERATIVE PARA TO READ "A CONCRETE

PROGRAM TO COORDINATE ACTIONS". INGERSOLL

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